

**ABSTRACT**

A method for joining two steel pipes and a coupler for use in the method. More specifically, the coupler provided is cylindrical for insertion between the ends of two sections of pipe that are to be joined. The pipes to be joined are flanged or threaded such that in the process of joining compression is asserted between the two ends and upon the coupler. The pipes include a liner that typically has some compressibility. The compression of the liner against the coupler during the fastening or joinder of the two ends creates an effective joinder preventing the escape of gas or liquids carried within the liner through the joint.

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